Strawberries, too

Time to fertilize lawns

By JAMES A. SMITH
Extension Agent

It's time to fertilize lawns. Apply 3 to 4½ pounds of Ammonium nitrate per 1000 square feet before September 15. Naturally, it's going to take water for it to react but that's also coming. We need to be ready.

Wait until mid-October to apply the 10-10-10.

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Strawberries also need a shot of nitrogen to set buds for next spring. Use one pound 10-10-10 per 100 feet of row. Now is the time to get this job done. Avoid spring fertilization of strawberries.

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Beef producers need to examine their feed inventory for this winter. There may be opportunities to buy corn and stack silage. Another alternative is to stockpile fescue.

If it's possible to set aside some fescue pasture and top dress with 60 to 70 pounds of nitrogen, this should be strongly considered. I recognize that there is a reluctancy to apply nitrogen to drought stressed pastures. I would argue that nitrogen applied on a dry sod is not lost, does not injure plants and will be there ready to give the grass a boost when moisture does arrive.

For planning purposes, you need to have two tons of hay per cow or six tons of silage per cow or ¾ ton of hay and an acre of stockpiled fescue.

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If you have grain stored on the farm, we've had a number of calls recently about treating stored grain. Most situations do not permit effective treatment. Metal liner are, obviously, the best situation.

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Interest rates are rising, corn and soybean prices are up, while slaughter cattle and hog prices decline. This doesn't present a good omen for feeder calves this fall. We may be looking at 450# heifers in the range of $68 to $72 and 450# steers $7 to $10 higher.

The single largest aspect of the livestock business that has the beef industry concerned over the short run outlook is the possibility of larger hog marketings in September and October.

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The 1980 wheat crop in Virginia averaged 35 bushels per acre compared to 42-44 bushels in the early '70's and these were the Blueboy years. More recently Abe, Arthur and similar varieties have become dominant but have not yielded well under Virginia conditions.

In the past couple of years there have been some new releases with higher yield potential. Varieties such as McNair 1003, Coker 747, Coker 762 and Potomac have shown yield potentials greater than Arthur. These varieties have yielded over 50 bushels per acre over the past three years.

McNair 1003 can have a low test weight; glume blotch frequently occurs if N rates are in excess of 80 pounds. Coker 762 led all varieties in the 1980 yield trials and stood up well. Potomac has good yield potential, is six inches taller than Arthur, may lodge if excessive nitrogen is applied and may produce excessive straw if plans are to double crop with no-till soybeans.

The top wheat producer in Virginia this year harvested 93 bushels per acre using Coker 747. Second place had 92 bushels per acre from McNair 1003.

Planning to grow wheat for next year? Then it may be time to change varieties.

Smith is still with us

James A. Smith, VPI extension agent serving Appomattox, has not relinquished his position here.

The Appomattox extension office received calls from numerous people inquiring about whether Smith has resigned, following a recent article in the Times-Virginian.

In that article, it was noted that Smith had completed his term as president of the National Association of County Agricultural Agents.

Smith said this week that he is looking forward to "spending more time with Appomattox farmers in the coming months, something that I personally missed" while serving in the demanding position of president of the NACAA.

Hist. Soc. to meet

The Appomattox County Historical Society will meet Monday, September 8, 1980, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde M. Nash, on Hwy. 631. (Plain Manor Run)

All members are invited to attend, and bring a covered dish for a picnic supper at 6:30 p.m.

In case of rain, the meeting will be held inside.

WAYNE BOWMAN, Appomattox County Forester (in center), presented Tree Farm sign and certificate to John Harrison and his son, Brent (left), and to Phil Harrison and his son, Russ (right). The Tree-Farm sign is setting in front of a loblolly pine planted on the Harrison's 122 acre clearcut in 1978.

Harrison tree farm certified

John and Phil Harrison of the Stonewall District in Appomattox County received certification to the American Tree Farm system recently.

Wayne Bowman, Appomattox County Forester, was there to present the Tree Farm sign and certificate to the Harrison brothers at their farm.

The Harrison's "Wildwood Farm", more than 1000 acres, is primarily a beef cattle farm. Approximately 695 acres is in the Tree Farm, with a management plan to converting most of the hardwood sites to pine.

John's and Phil's father, John L. Harrison, started their Tree Farm about 18 years ago when he planted six to eight acres of steep pasture ground in loblolly pine. There are also two other loblolly pine plantations of 15 and 12-year-old trees, planted by Mr. Harrison.

Since 1978, John and Phil have had planted 110,400 loblolly seedlings. Sixteen acres were fields that they converted to pine. The remaining land, 122 acres, was a hardwood site that Virginia Fibre Corporation clear-cut harvested the summer of 1978. This land was prepared for planting in the fall of 1978 and planted the spring of 1979.

At present Virginia Fibre Corporation is clearcut harvesting another parcel of 25 acres. The Harrison brothers plan to have this parcel planted to loblolly pines the spring of 1981.

Their forest management and planning is very well thought-out and followed through. This is probably due to John's background in forestry. John Harrison graduated from VPI in 1967. He worked with Continental Can for 7 years in Louisa County where he was an area forester.

The Harrison brothers, John and Phil, are planning and investing in their forest lands for their future and that of their children's. When American Forest Institute out of Washington, D.C. asked the Virginia Forestry Association to sponsor the American Tree Farm system in the state of Virginia, one of the initial ideals of the Tree Farm was to prepetuate trees and forests for future generations. The Harrison's have established an excellent Tree Farm through their work and planning for the future.

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The State Corporation Commission has scheduled a public hearing on the application in its Courtroom, Blanton Building, Bank and Governor Streets, Richmond, Virginia, commencing at 10:00 a.m. on November 19, 1980. Copies of the application, together with Continental's supporting data, are available for public inspection during normal working hours at Continental's offices and in the Commission's Document Control Center located on Floor B1 of the Blanton Building, Richmond, Virginia.

On or before October 3, 1980, any person who expects to submit evidence and to cross-examine Continental and Commission witnesses must file a Notice of Protest conforming to Rule 5:16 (a) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. A copy of this Notice must be mailed to John W. Riely, Esquire, Hunton & Williams, P.O. Box 1535, Richmond, Virginia 23212.

On or before November 5, 1980, all persons who have filed a Notice of Protest and expect to participate in the hearing as a Protestant must file with the Commission a Protest, together with ten (10) copies of all prepared testimony and exhibits of the witnesses to be offered at the hearing. Protestants must serve a copy of the Protest and testimony upon all other parties.

Any interested person (public witness) who desires to make a statement at the public hearing in his own behalf either for or against the application for increased rates, but not otherwise participate in the hearing, need only be present in the Commission's Courtroom 15 minutes prior to the commencement of the hearing and inform the Commission's Bailiff that he wishes to speak. All persons desiring to speak will be heard as expeditiously as possible, beginning at 10:00 a.m., or shortly thereafter.

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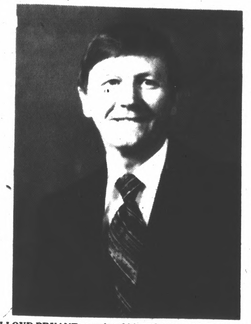

LLOYD BRYANT completed his 30th year with Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation August 28, 1980. A Chief Operator at Transco Station 170 in Appomattox, Bryant began work with the company when it was just starting and has seen it grow and change during the past 30 years. Bryant has worked shift work for the entire 30-year period and has never lost work for an accident nor for any medical problem. He is married to the former Becky Tinnell and they are the parents of four children, Linda Moore, Danny Bryant, Tommy Bryant, and Rodney Bryant. They also have two granddaughters. Plant Superintendent V. O. Mims presented Bryant with the Transco emblem and diamonds on a gold chain at a dinner in his honor last week.

Counted Cross Stitch

Do's and don'ts for stitching buffs

By SHIRLEY W. WALTON
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Counted Cross Stitch
hints and helps

This is part one of a two-article series on counted cross stitch basics.

Counted cross stitch is like eating peanuts. Once you start, it's difficult to stop. I would like to share with you some information that will be helpful to you.

Frabric	Sts. per inch
Hardanger	22
18 Aida	18
14 Aida	14
11 Aida	11
Davos	18
Gerda	13
35 Linen	17
25 Linen	13
20 Linen	10
Monza	13
Linda	13

Choosing Your Fabric

The fabric is usually chosen based on desired finished size of design. The three most popular fabrics are Hardanger, which is 22 threads per inch; 14 Aida cloth, which is 14 threads per inch; and 11 Aida cloth, which is 11 threads per inch.

Aida cloth is a basket weave fabric in which

Strands of floss	Needle Size
1	26
2	26
2	24
3	24
2	24 or 26
2	24 or 26
2	26
2	24
3	24
2 or 3	24
2	24 or 26

horizontal and vertical threads are grouped, making the inner section for the stitches very easy to see. Aida is woven with the intersection spaced in three different sizes-11, 14 and 18. The count means the number of stitches per inch.

Hardanger cloth is woven with pairs of vertical and horizontal threads. The intersections in hardanger are visible but not as pronounced as in Aida cloth. All hardanger is 22 count fabric, which is 22 stitches per inch. This makes the stitches very small and delicate. Working on hardanger becomes easier with practice. Both hardanger and Aida cloth are available in a wide range of colors, but ivory and white are the ones most often used.

Even weave linen is also used for cross stitch. Linen is a bit difficult for beginners to use because there are no obvious intersections. Instructions for working on linen are given in some of the advanced booklets which can be purchased at craft stores.

Even weave fabrics are usually sold by the yard, ½ yard or cut in pieces. The per yard price may seem expensive, but a quarter of a yard will provide enough fabric for many counted cross stitch projects.

HOOPS:

Counted cross stitch can be done with or without a hoop. If you choose to stretch the fabric in a hoop, use one made of plastic or wood, with a screw type tension adjuster. You may use the hoop large enough to accomodate the whole design or choose a small hoop, whichever you prefer. Placing the small hoop over existing stitches will slightly distort them, but a general raking with the needle will restore their square shape. Be sure to remove the fabric from the hoop when you have finished stitching for the day.

NEEDLES

Cross stitch is done with a blunt point tapestry needle. The needle slips between the threads, not through them. Please refer to the previous chart for the size of the needle appropriate for each kind of fabric.

FLOSS

Any six strand cotton embroidery floss can be used for cross stitch. The six strand floss can be divided to work with one, two or three strands as required by the fabric. Please refer to the previous chart for the number of strands to be used with various fabrics.

SCISSORS

A pair of small, sharp pointed scissors is necessary, especially for snipping unsplaced stitches. You may want to hang your scissors on a chain or ribbon around your neck. You will need them often.

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This helps you follow your lines when stitching a graph picture. Worth its weight in gold, this handy item can also be used for needle-point, crochet and knitting projects.

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If you have a homemaking question or problem, please call 352-8244 or write P. O. Box 488, Appomattox, Va. 24522

Have a good week!

RECIPE OF THE WEEK
German Potato Salad

1 c. bacon
1 c. chopped celery
1 c. onion, chopped
3 t. salt
3T. flour
½ c. sugar
½ c. Vinegar
½ t. pepper
1½c. water
8 c. potatoes, sliced and cooked

Fry bacon; drain. Put 4T. fat in skillet; add celery, onion, salt, and flour; cook gently. Add sugar, pepper, water, and vinegar. Bring to boil. Pour over potatoes and crumbled bacon in 3 quart baking dish. Cover, bake in 350 degree oven approximately 30 minutes.

Williamson reunion set

The family of the late Harry and Billy Williamson will have their 3rd Annual Family Reunion on Sunday, Sept.-21, 1980, at the home of James T. Williamson, Route 1, Concord, Va.

Lunch will be served beginning at 1:00 p.m. All family and friends are invited to attend and bring a picnic basket. Beverages and utensils will be provided.

Scouts go fishing

With school starting soon, Appomattox Boy Scout Troop 546 took advantage of the last few days of summer for a camping/fishing trip. Camping along a scenic curve in the James River on the Al Carmody Farm in Buckingham County, 13 scouts and adult scouters got fishing lines wet.

Canoeing, camping and cooking skills were well utilized by the scouts. Nine scouts, Roy Brennen, Toby Brennen, Roger Steinkamp, Bently Nash, Edwardo Garcia, Dennis Reynolds, Chris Robinson, Luis Robinson and Mike Carmody were joined by adult leaders Allen Harville and Al Carmody along with Selmon Robinson. A rain shower didn't stop the good time as the scouts crawled into their tents after a meal of fresh fish and a Dutch oven cobbler cooked over an opeh fire.

A court of honor was held August 17 to award Progress Awards. Six boys, Roy Brennen, Roger Steinkamp, Luis Robinson, Chris Robinson, Edwardo Garcia and Ben Martin were awarded a total of 21 merit badges they had earned over the summer. Merit badges awarded included swimming, Indian lore, first, aid, canoeing, rowing, basketry, computers, woodcarving, safety, lifesaving, fish & wildlife management, music, and citizenship. A good deal of hard work in a wide variety of areas allowed these scouts to gain skills this summer that they will use in the future.

The summer of 1980 began with a hiking/backpacking week in the mountains followed by a 5 day 50 mile canoe trip. Mid summer was time for a week of summer camp. The fishing trip will complete the troop summer outdoor activities. Scouting is a year round activity and the fall program will soon begin. If you are a boy 11 years old or completed 5th grade you can join Boy Scouts. Troop 546 meets 7 P.M. Wednesday night at St. Annes Church, come join or call Asst. Scoutmaster Harville at 352-5997.

Good news for homemakers

Band boosters to meet

The ACHS Band Boosters will have their first meeting of the 1980/81 school year on Monday, September 8 at 7:30 p.m. at the music room at the high school.

An invitation is extended to the parents of all band students, and to any individual over 18 years of age who is interested in the school band program, to join.

Membership dues are $2.50 per person. Meetings are held the first Monday night in each month at 7:30 p.m. in the music room.

Painter named leader

R. Keith Painter

R. Keith Painter, former Extension program leader for the West Central District in Roanoke, has been named East Central Extension District Leader.

C. Clark Jones, district chairman, said the Carlisle, W. Va., native will assume his position Sept. 1. He will work in the areas of program development and staff orientation in the 19-county district.

The district includes the counties of Albemarle, Amelia, Amherst, Appomattox, Bedford, Brunswick, Buckingham, Campbell, Charlotte, Cumberland, Fluvanna, Greene, Halifax, Louisa, Lunenburg, Mecklenburg, Nelson, Nottoway and Prince Edward and the cities of Charlottesville and Lynchburg.

Painter, who has been on educational leave working on his doctorate at Virginia Tech during the past year, is a 20-year veteran of Extension.

In addition to his seven years at the Roanoke office, he has served in farm management capacities in the Roanoke and Appomattox Extension Agents and the National Association of County Agricultural Agents.

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